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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan  
October - November 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from September 15, through November 2, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

In addition, RMT project manager, Jim Hutchens will be the technical point of contact for the work to be performed at the Plainwell Mill site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Weyerhaeuser Company

Jennifer Hale  
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**Attachment**

cc: Paul Bucholtz, MDEQ (3 copies)  
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**Progress Report No. 14**  
**September 15, 2007, Through November 2, 2007**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- September 28 - Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA a response to the September 11 comments for the conceptual design approach for an emergency action of the river banks along the former mill property.
- October 3 - a meeting was held at the U.S. EPA offices in Chicago with USEPA, MDEQ, Weyerhaeuser, RMT and the City of Plainwell to discuss the emergency action at the mill and the RI/FS process.
- October 8 - Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA a response to comments from the meeting and the USEPA review of the emergency action design document.
- October 10 - USEPA submitted additional comments to the design report.
- October 15 - USEPA granted conditional approval to begin site preparation work associated with the emergency action along the mill banks.
- October 16 - Weyerhaeuser submitted response to comments from the October 10 letter from USEPA.
- October 18 - Phone discussions between USEPA, Weyerhaeuser and RMT regarding the October 16 response letter
- October 18 - Begin site preparation work consisting of clearing and grubbing along the mill banks and begin preparation of lined containment pad for dewatering of residual material.
- October 25 - Response to USEPA regarding phone discussion from October 18.
- October 31 - Conditional approval for emergency action of the banks along the Plainwell mill.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data was collected during the current reporting period.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.

4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:

- Conditional approval of emergency action along the mill banks.
5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
- None.
6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:
- Weyerhaeuser plans to continue to implement the emergency action of the river banks. Once containment pad is completed, excavation of the visual residuals along Zone A will commence and progress upstream as weather allows.
7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:
- None.
8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
- None are needed.
9. Other Relevant Information:
- None.